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09NEWDELHI968	2009-05-13 14:18	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy New Delhi

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SUBJECT: CHARGE'S CALL ON LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION L.K. ADVANI

Classified By: CDA Peter Burleigh for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

[1.](#) (SBU) Summary: Looking relaxed and confident, Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) prime ministerial candidate L.K. Advani told Charge that the Bilateral Relationship: Continuity and Strength

[12.](#) (C) In a May 13 meeting, CDA congratulated Indian Leader of the Opposition and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate for Prime Minist

[13.](#) (C) Advani emphasized that U.S.-India relations would prosper and be further strengthened if a BJP-led government emerged after the parliame
No Move to Reopen Civ-Nuke Deal

[14.](#) (C) Advani played down BJP opposition to the U.S.-India civil nuclear agreement. He acknowledged the BJP public position in July 2008 was
Optimistic About Return to Power

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[15.](#) (C) Advani was optimistic the BJP would emerge as the single largest party in the new Indian parliament after votes are counted and result

[16.](#) (C) Advani ruled out a Third Front government, saying it would not be able to muster the numbers. He downplayed the importance of the con

[17.](#) (C) Advani said he was not concerned with the rise of regional parties in India. In his view the BJP's success in "smashing the hegemony
Pakistan: Who Calls the Shots?

[18.](#) (C) According to Advani, the problem in dealing with Pakistan today is that it is not clear who is in charge -- the civilian government, t

[19.](#) (C) Advani cautioned about the tendency of the international community to view the India-Pakistan relationship through the Kashmir lens.

[110.](#) (C) Advani recounted a discussion he had with Benazir Bhutto a few years ago in which they identified two factors that have allowed democr
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structure while India has swept aside its feudal systems for the most part.

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[112.](#) (C) Advani stated that India has lost its traditional influence in Nepal and Sri Lanka over the last five years. In Nepal, this has allow

[113.](#) (C) Advani emphasized that in Sri Lanka the primary Indian concern is for the well being of the Tamil population. He said he understood

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